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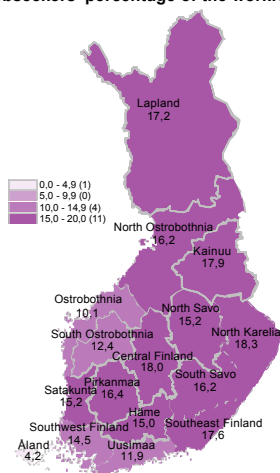
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In December, the number of unemployed jobseekers was 377,900

Unemployed jobseekers' percentage of the workforce by ELY centre



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A total of 377,900 unemployed jobseekers were registered at the Employment and Economic Development Offices at the end of December. This is 14,700 more than a year earlier. The number of unemployed jobseekers increased by 35,800 from the previous month. The share of the unemployed jobseekers out of labour force was 14.4% which is 0.5 percentage points more than a year earlier. The figures are from the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy.

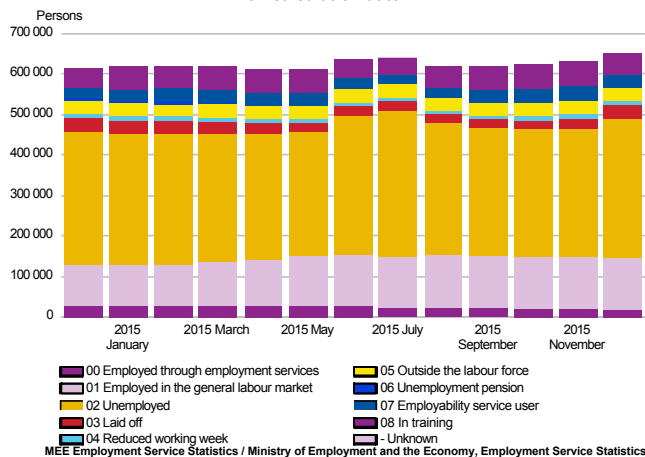
Trendit:

- The total number of jobseekers increased
- The number of unemployed jobseekers increased by 15,000 compared to the year before
- Services included in the activation rate had 9,000 people less than a year ago
- The number of new job vacancies increased by 6,000 compared to a year ago



All jobseekers

Jobseekers by group
on calculation date



The total number of jobseekers increased

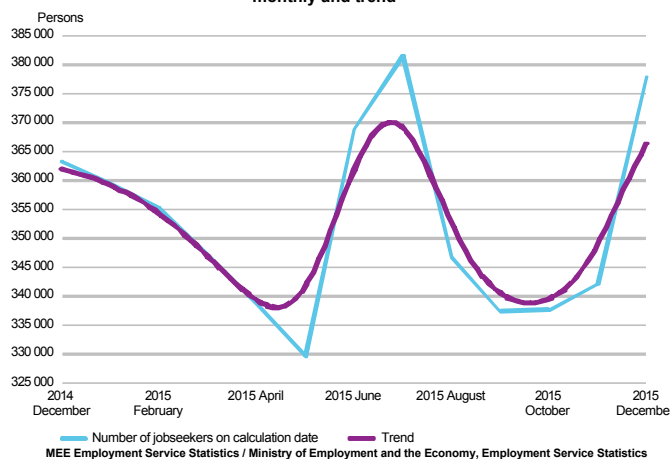
At the end of December, the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at the Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 652,800, up 36,800 on the previous year. Of the jobseekers, 341,800 were men and 311,000 were women. Compared to the situation a year ago, the number of men increased by 14,900 and the number of women by 21,900.

Of the jobseekers, 146,600 were employed, 127,300 of them were on the open labour market and 19,300 were employed through the services of the employment and economic development administration. The number of jobseekers outside the labour force was 117,700, of whom 30,000 in services promoting employment and 54,800 were in training. The unemployment pension was abolished at the end of 2014. A year ago the number of recipients of the unemployment pension was 7,000. Of the jobseekers, 377,900 were unemployed jobseekers, which is 14,700 more than the year before. In December, 34,600 of unemployed jobseekers were fully laid off, which is 9,400 more than in November. Since December of the year before, the number of people fully laid off has decreased by 3,000. Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 10,500, representing an increase of 1,400 from the year before.



Unemployed jobseekers

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS
monthly and trend



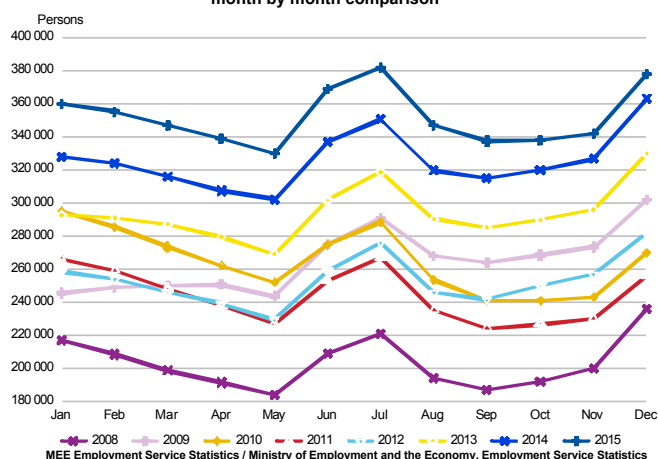
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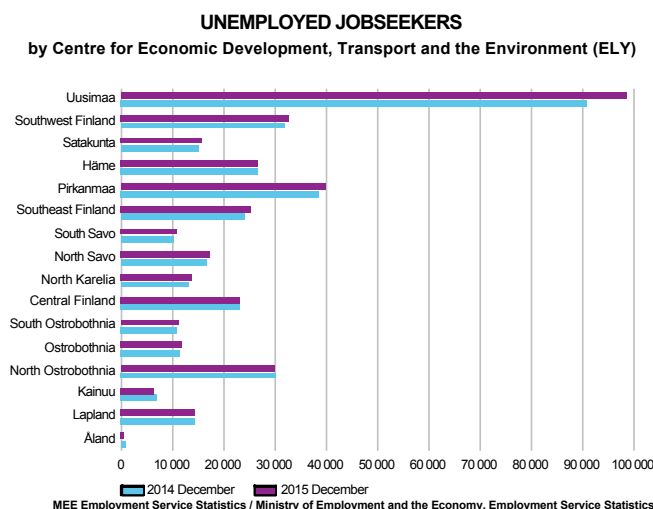
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The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 35,300, up 1,600 from December a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 11,000 at the end of December, up 1,000 from the year before..

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS
month by month comparison



Unemployed jobseekers by region



Unemployment decreased in three regions

Compared to the same period in the previous year, the number of unemployed jobseekers decreased in December in the areas of three Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (ELY Centres): Kainuu (-6%), Northern Ostrobothnia (-0%) and Lapland (-0%). Unemployment increased in all other ELY Centre areas; the most in Uusimaa (9%), South Savo (6%) and South-East Finland (6%).

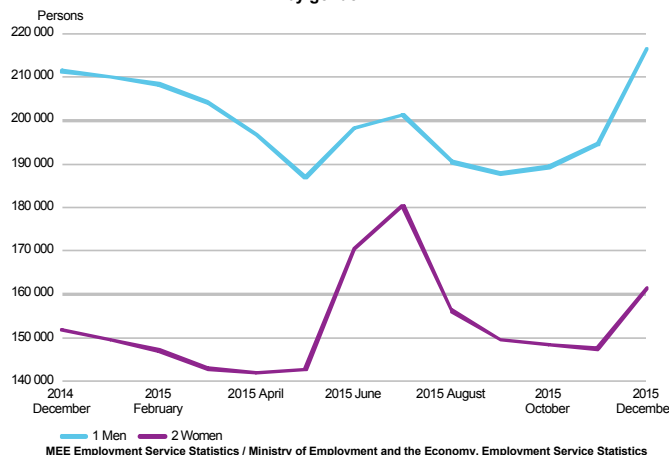
Unemployed jobseekers and jobs vacant in Employment and Economic Development Office by ELY centre

ELY centre	Unemployed jobseekers			Change		Of the unemployed jobseekers fully laid off	Unemployed jobseekers' percentage of the workforce	Jobs vacant			Change	
	Dec 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Dec 2014			Dec 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Dec 2014
ELY centre	Unemployed jobseekers						%	Jobs vacant				
Uusimaa	98 599	91 366	90 856	7 743	9	5 902	11,9	9 818	9 537	7 868	1 950	25
Southwest Finland	32 783	29 078	31 627	1 156	4	3 206	14,5	1 972	1 742	1 676	296	18
Satakunta	15 745	13 878	15 036	709	5	1 874	15,2	1 002	1 034	645	357	55
Häme	26 708	24 497	26 679	29	0	2 665	15,0	1 348	1 392	1 143	205	18
Pirkanmaa	39 857	36 252	38 529	1 328	3	4 271	16,4	1 977	2 160	1 652	325	20
Southeast Finland	25 159	22 401	23 843	1 316	6	2 456	17,6	1 018	1 058	943	75	8
South Savo	10 851	9 667	10 191	660	6	1 327	16,2	530	510	627	-97	-15
North Savo	17 255	15 441	16 586	669	4	2 109	15,2	1 197	1 132	768	429	56
North Karelia	13 556	11 937	12 952	604	5	1 259	18,3	449	479	471	-22	-5
Central Finland	23 107	21 069	23 008	99	0	1 849	18,0	889	907	581	308	53
South Ostrobothnia	11 015	9 526	10 757	258	2	1 754	12,4	2 263	489	2 047	216	11
Ostrobothnia	11 868	10 256	11 281	587	5	1 530	10,1	921	742	921	0	0
North Ostrobothnia	29 950	27 131	30 020	-70	0	2 768	16,2	1 642	1 454	1 578	64	4
Kainuu	6 348	5 624	6 776	-428	-6	548	17,9	362	393	214	148	69
Lapland	14 350	13 280	14 355	-5	0	1 084	17,2	832	1 057	750	82	11
Åland	610	559	636	-26	-4	10	4,2	232	181	125	107	86
Abroad	165	144	136	29	21	36	.	1 619	1 625	2 715	-1 096	-40
WHOLE COUNTRY	377 926	342 106	363 268	14 658	4	34 648	14,4	28 071	25 892	24 724	3 347	14



Unemployed jobseekers by gender and age-group

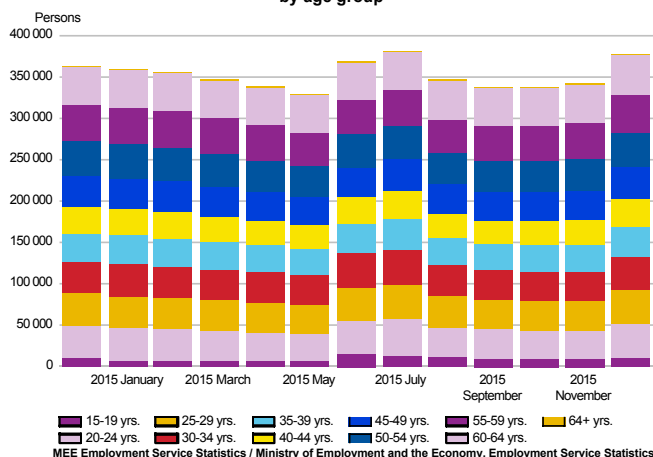
**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS
by gender**



Unemployment increased more among women

Of the unemployed jobseekers, 216,500 (57%) were men and 161,400 (43%) were women, indicating an increase of 21,900 for men and 13,900 for women from the figures for November. Compared with December a year ago, the unemployment among men increased by 5,100 (2%) and among women by 9,600 (6%).

**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS
by age group**



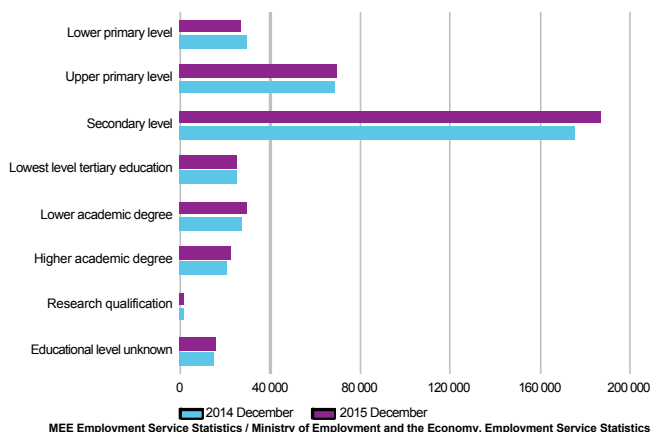
Unemployment grew among young people and those of more advanced age

At the end of December, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 52,300 representing an increase by 1,900 from December a year ago. Youth unemployment increased from November by 9,400. For those under 20, the number of unemployed was 11,200. Among those over 50, the number of unemployed was 136,200, representing an increase of 5,000 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 94,200, representing an increase of 3,500 on the year before.



Unemployed jobseekers by levels of education and occupational group

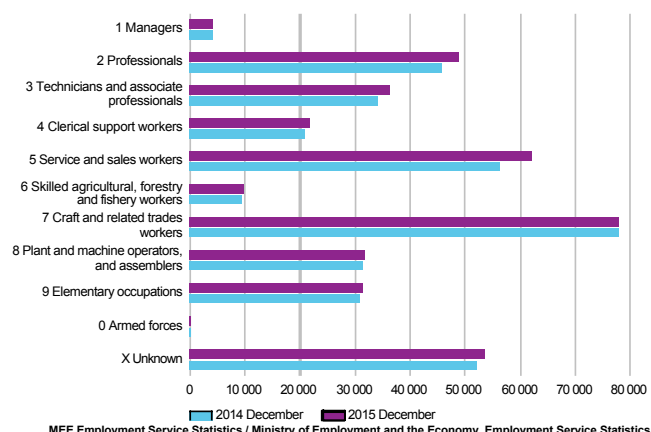
**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS
by level of education**



Unemployment increased especially among those with a higher level of education

Examined by level of education, the unemployment rose from December of last year at all other levels of education, except among those with lower level basic qualifications (-10%); the increase was greatest among those with doctorate or equivalent level tertiary education (12%), higher-degree level tertiary education (10%) and lower-degree level tertiary education (9%).

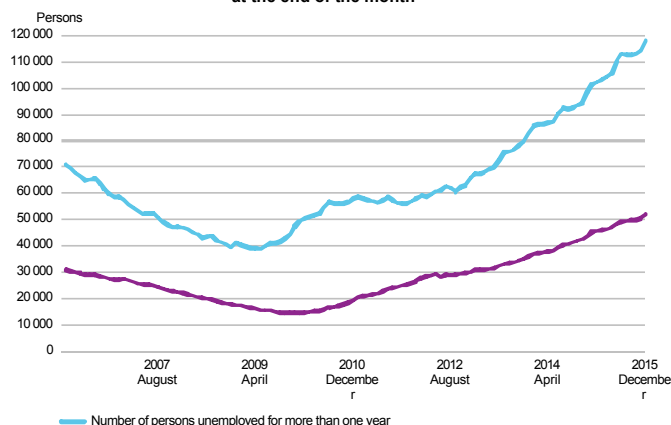
**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS
by occupational group**



Unemployment increased in all professional groups except for one

Examined by occupation, the unemployment increased for all other groups from December of last year except for that of construction, repair and manufacturing workers (-200); the greatest increase was for service and sales personnel (5,700), specialised experts (3,200), skilled workers (2,100) and in the group of 'unknown' (1,500).

**LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED
at the end of the month**

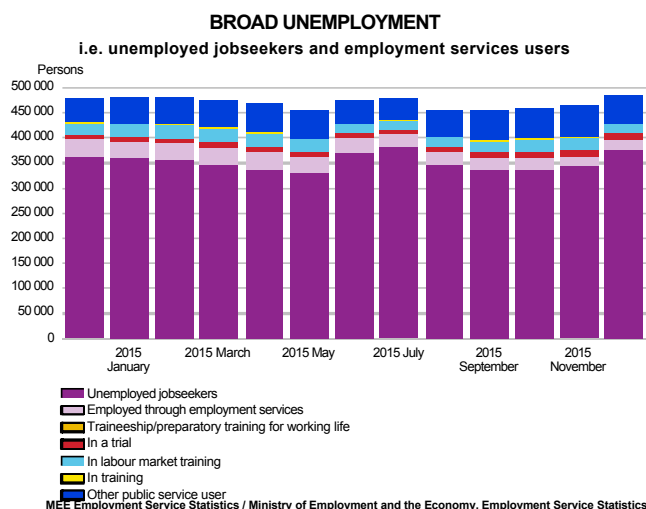


Long-term unemployment continued to grow

At the end of December, the number of long-term unemployed who have been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 118,200, up 19,600 on the previous year. Of the long-term unemployed, 69,500 were men and 48,700 were women. The number of men increased by 11,800 (20%) from the previous year and the number of women by 7,800 (19%). Long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 52,000, which is 8,200 more than a year ago.



Services

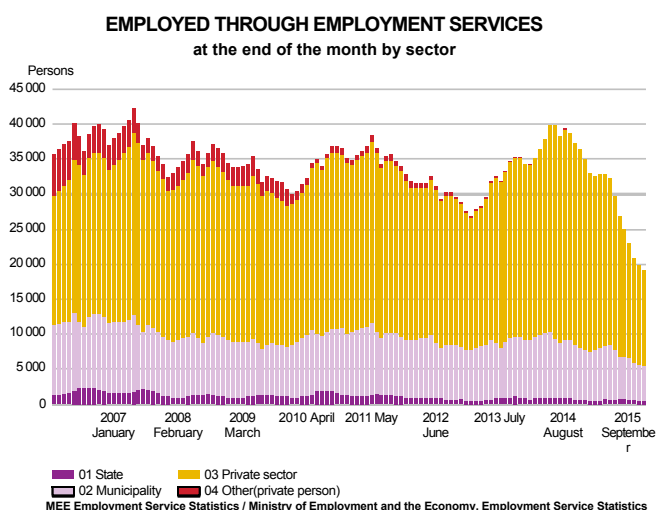


Decrease in the number of persons covered by services

At the end of December, the number of persons covered by services included in the activation rate amounted to 107,700, down 8,700 on the previous year. Compared with November, the number of persons covered by such services decreased by 14,500. The activation rate at the end of November was 22.2%, which is 2.1 percentage points lower than a year earlier. In all, 4.1% of the labour force was covered by these services.

Of those covered by services, the number of men was 51,600, down 4,000 on the previous year. The number of women covered by these services was 56,000, down 4,700 on the previous year.

Broad unemployment, or the total number of unemployed jobseekers and those covered by services, was 485,600 at the end of December. This is 5,900 more than a year earlier. The growth in broad unemployment was due to the increase in unemployed jobseekers.



The number of placements decreased in all sectors

At the end of December, the number of persons claiming pay subsidies, employed by the State or receiving start-up grants totalled 19,000, which is 15,800 less than the year before. Of those employed, 3% were in government jobs, 26% in local government jobs and 71% in the private sector. Since December of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 14% in government jobs, by 32% in local government jobs and by 50% in the private sector. Of those employed, 51% were men. Placements for both men and women decreased by 7,900 from the previous year.



Labour market training, training and self-motivated studies

PERSONS IN LABOUR MARKET TRAINING
in target profession at the end of the month

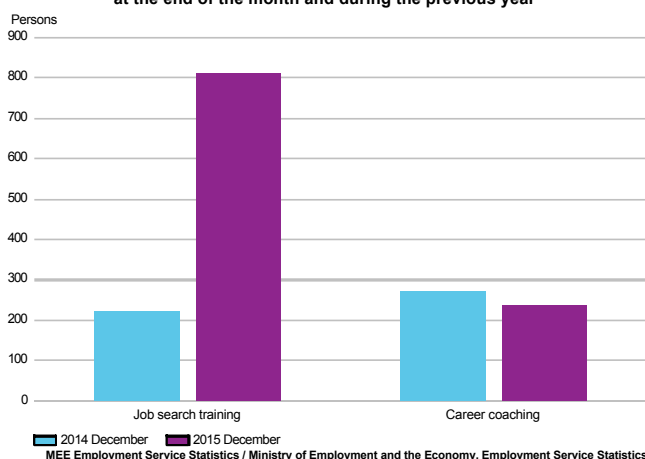


Decrease in labour market training

At the end of December, labour market training was attended by 20,000 students, down 3,400 on the previous year. Of the students, 10,500 were men and 9,600 were women. Compared to the situation a year ago, the number of men decreased by 1,500 and the number of women by 1,900. During December, 1,500 new students began labour market training, representing a decrease of 900 on the year before.

Based on target profession, the largest subgroup within the category of 'unknown' were people in integration training (6,700), which is 1,000 more than the year before. In December, the number of people without a specified target profession was 1,000, which is 600 less than in December last year.

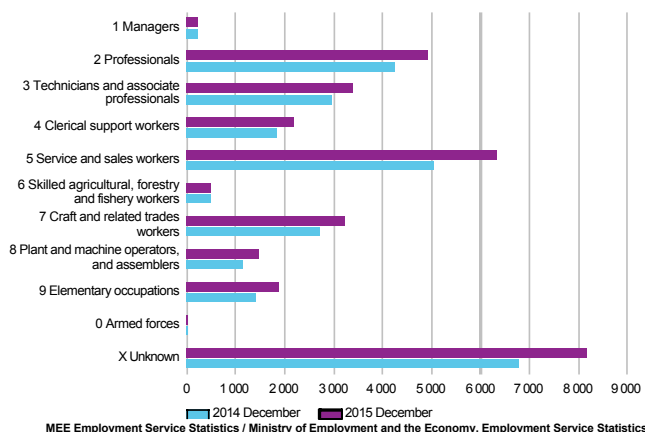
IN TRAINING
at the end of the month and during the previous year



The number of persons in training increased

At the end of December, 1,100 persons were in training, which is 600 more than the year before. The number of both men and women in training was 500. In December, work and training trials had a total of 30 participants less than a year earlier. The number of participants in job search training increased by 600 compared to December last year.

IN SELF-MOTIVATED STUDIES
in person's profession at the end of the month



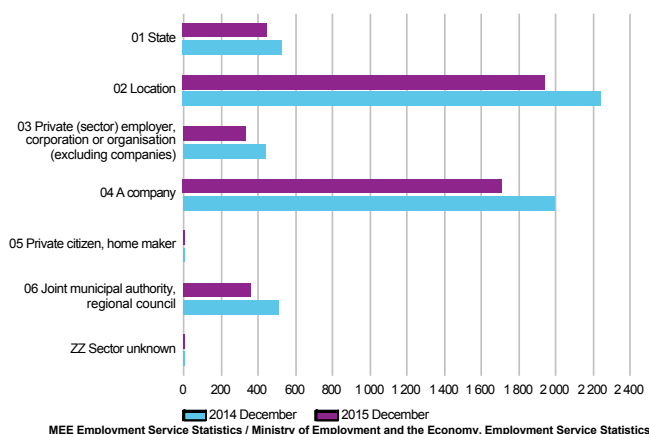
The number of people in self-motivated study increased from the previous year

Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefits were attended by a total of 32,300 people, representing an increase of 5,500 on the year before. The number of men receiving unemployment benefits for studies was 12,800, up 2,400 on the previous year. Among women, the number was 19,500, representing an increase of 3,100 on the year before. In the 'unknown' group, the profession of 6,400 persons remained unspecified, which is 1,200 more than the previous year.



Job alternation, rehabilitative work and trials

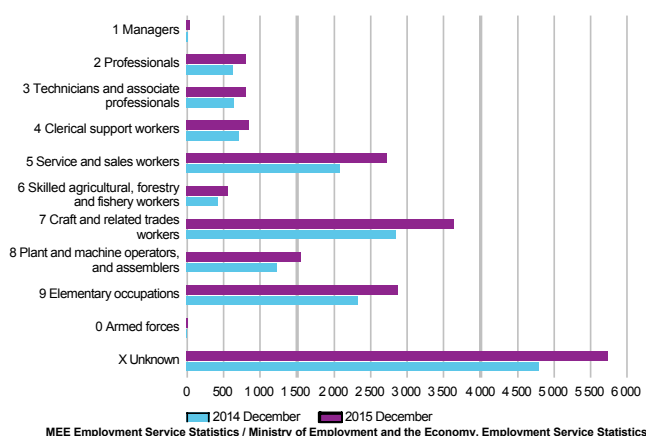
AS A JOB ALTERNATION SUBSTITUTE
at the end of the month and during the previous year by sector



The number of job alternation substitutes decreased

A total of 4,800 persons were job alternation substitutes at the end of December, which is 900 less than a year earlier. Of these job alternation substitutes, a total of 1,500 were men, representing a decrease of 300 on the year before. The corresponding number for women was 3,300, down 600 on December the year before.

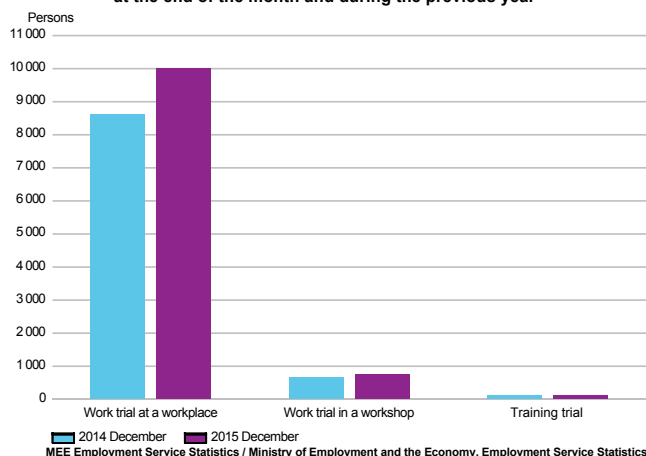
REHABILITATIVE WORK ACTIVITIES
at the end of the month and during the previous year



More participants in rehabilitative work activities than in the previous year

A total of 19,500 persons participated in rehabilitative work activities at the end of December, which is 3,800 more than a year earlier. Of the participants 11,500 were men and 8,100 were women. The number of men increased by 2,200 from the previous year, and the number of women by 1,600.

IN TRIALS
at the end of the month and during the previous year



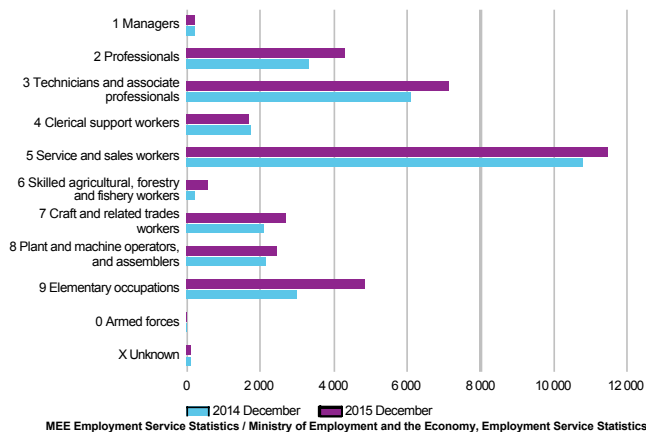
Participation in work and training trials increased from the previous year

Work and training trials had a total of 10,900 participants at the end of December, which is 1,500 more than the previous year. Of the participants, 5,100 were men and 5,800 were women. The number of men increased by 700, and the number of women by 800.



Jobs vacant

NEW JOB VACANCIES
during the month and during the previous year



Increase in new job vacancies compared to last year

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during December totalled 35,400, which is 5,600 more than December in the previous year. In all, the number of unfilled vacancies at Employment and Economic Development Offices amounted to 61,100 in December, which is 7,600 more than a year ago. A total of 8,200 of these vacancies were filled during December, 4,300 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of December was 28,100, up 3,300 on the previous year.

The number of new vacancies had increased for eight occupational groups; the increase was the highest in other workers (1,800), skilled workers (1,000), specialised experts (1,000), service and sales personnel (700), and in the group of construction, repair and manufacturing workers (600). The number of new job vacancies has decreased in two occupational groups; the most in the service and sales personnel (-100) and in the 'unknown' group (-10).



Summary table for the whole country

TABLE 1 EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2015 DECEMBER (I) AND
ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICES DURING DECEMBER (II)
WHOLE COUNTRY

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Dec-15	Dec-14	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
A. JOBSEEKERS				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	377 926	363 268	14 658	4,0
of whom fully laid off	34 648	37 606	-2 958	-7,9
2. On reduced working week	10 537	9 103	1 434	15,8
3. Those who have work	146 574	129 260	17 314	13,4
of whom in the general labour market	127 264	100 251	27 013	26,9
of whom employed through employment services	19 310	29 009	-9 699	-33,4
4. Persons outside the labour force	117 722	107 290	10 432	9,7
of whom in services promoting employment	30 012	25 612	4 400	17,2
of whom in training	54 801	49 351	5 450	11,0
5. On unemployment pension	0	7 037	-7 037	-100,0
1-5 Total of jobseekers	652 759	615 958	36 801	6,0
B LABOUR DEMAND				
1. Jobs vacant	28 071	24 724	3 347	13,5
of those notified for over a month	7 807	8 744	-937	-10,7
of those notified for over 2 months	3 654	4 207	-553	-13,1
C PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES				
1. Employed by the State	568	657	-89	-13,5
2. Employed by municipalities	4 922	7 196	-2 274	-31,6
3. Employed by the private sector	13 558	27 033	-13 475	-49,8
1-3 Total number of employed people	19 048	34 886	-15 838	-45,4
4. Labour market training	20 032	23 396	-3 364	-14,4
5. Training	1 052	492	560	113,8
6. Engaged in work/training trials	10 906	9 376	1 530	16,3
7. As a job alternation substitute	4 795	5 706	-911	-16,0
8. Rehabilitative work	19 523	15 713	3 810	24,2
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	32 315	26 831	5 484	20,4
1-9 Total number of people participating in services	107 671	116 400	-8 729	-7,5
D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1. Unemployed women	161 380	151 785	9 595	6,3
2. Unemployed men	216 546	211 483	5 063	2,4
3. Under 25 years old	52 323	50 382	1 941	3,9
4. Over 50 years old	136 247	131 280	4 967	3,8
5. Unemployed over a year	118 161	98 537	19 624	19,9
6. Foreign unemployed	35 301	33 709	1 592	4,7
E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	171 875	168 074	3 801	2,3
II. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	396 761	382 527	14 234	3,7
2. Other jobseekers	271 441	248 716	22 725	9,1
1-2 Total number of jobseekers	668 202	631 243	36 959	5,9
3. Vacancies during a month	61 100	53 464	7 636	14,3
New vacancies during a month	35 426	29 804	5 622	18,9
Vacancies filled during a month	8 219	7 627	592	7,8
of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	4 276	5 959	-1 683	-28,2
4. Started spell of unemployment	67 629	68 412	-783	-1,1
5. Completed spell of unemployment	29 028	28 905	123	0,4
6. New jobs found through employment services	1 756	3 201	-1 445	-45,1
7. New entrants to labour market training	1 529	2 439	-910	-37,3



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On this website you will find the latest statistics from the Ministry of Employment and the Economy's monthly Employment Bulletin. You can access a .pdf version of the current and previous months' Employment Bulletin by following the link on the right. The Employment Bulletin is based on the data from the MEE's Employment Service Statistics. The Ministry of Employment and the Economy compiles statistics on the clients of the Employment and economic development offices (TE offices), including registered job-seekers, labour market policy services, and job vacancies reported to TE offices by employers. The data is collected from the customer service registry (URA) used by the TE offices. This means that the data used by MEE Employment Service Statistics is completely registry-based. The statistical data covers all persons, services, and open vacancies in the aforementioned groups, as separately defined in the registry by the classifications and variables for the statistical period in question.

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